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## ABSTRACT

In a case where maintenance operations are sequentially performed while the status of a computer peripheral device is determined, the status of the computer peripheral device may not be clearly determined, and it may be difficult for a user to perform the next operation. In a setup operation of a printer 1050, the status of the printer 1050 such as existence/absence of ink cartridge or ink charging operation is detected on the side of computer 1010 via a printer driver 1073. On the other hand, a setup guide program 1075 determines the progress of the setup operation from the status change of the printer 1050, and sequentially displays images showing operation procedures in correspondence with the progress. Accordingly, it is not necessary for the user to perform the setup operation while determining the status of the printer 1050, and the user can smoothly perform the setup operation.